

In the Specification

Submitted herewith is a revised Substitute Specification. Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached revised "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (Exhibit A). No new matter has been added. Entry is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Applicants have further revised the Substitute Specification filed on December 26, 2001. This revised Specification is submitted to correct the inadvertent omission of the first line of the "Related Applications" paragraph found on page 1 of the Substitute Specification. The instant Application claims priority to PCT/US99/29379, filed December 9, 1999. This priority claim was clearly stated in the Application as originally filed and was inadvertently omitted upon revision of the Specification.

Also submitted herewith is a signed copy of the Amendment A filed on December 26, 2001. The paper filed on December 26, 2001 was not signed by Applicant's agent.

A Transmittal and the Petition for a one-month extension of time were filed on December 26, 2001. Applicants feel that the omissions corrected by this Supplemental Amendment would not affect entry of the Amendment filed on December 26, 2001, and, thus, an additional extension fee is not appropriate. However, if additional fees are due, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 08-0380.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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